

[TO BE INTRODUCED IN THE SENATE]**A
BILL***further to amend the General Clauses Act, 1897*

WHEREAS it is expedient further to amend the General Clauses Act, 1897 (X of 1897) for the purposes hereinafter appearing;

It is hereby enacted as follows:-

1. Short title and commencement. - (1) This Act may be called the General Clauses (Amendment) Act, 2022.

(2) It shall come into force at once.

2. Amendment of section 3, Act X of 1897. - In the General Clauses Act, 1897 (X of 1897), hereinafter referred to as the said Act, in section 3, after sub-section (19), the following new sub-section shall be inserted, namely:-

"(19-A) "Gender", - Gender shall include Male, Female and Transgender;"

3. Amendment of section 13, Act X of 1897. - In the said Act, in section 13, in sub-section (1), for the expression "females; and", the expression "females, transgender; and" shall be substituted.

STATEMENT OF OBJECTS AND REASONS

The aims and objectives of General Clauses Act 1897 is to provide definitions and general principles of interpretation for those provisions of various legislations, which are not defined in specific laws, enacted at Federal and Provincial level throughout Pakistan.

2. The definition of "Gender" has not been defined and it is proposed to insert the same in the definition clause of the said Act. At the same time, in the definition clause, word "Person" has been explained in the form of natural and artificial person. So, in a liberal interpretation, it can be said that natural person includes every human being including transgender. So, in the said Act, where the term "Person" is defined in a broader perspective, there is also need to adduce the word "Gender" and elaborate it in a comprehensive manner.

3. This Bill is aimed to achieve the above-said objective.

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MEMBER-IN-CHARGE**